

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: RUBEN et al.

Application Serial No.: unassigned

Art Unit: unassigned

Filed: Herewith

Examiner: unassigned

For: **Secreted Protein HRGDF73**  
(as amended herein)

Attorney Docket No.: PZ001G67AP1D1

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants hereby request that the following amendments and remarks be entered into the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO/SB/08 and references AF and AG; (b) a Fee Transmittal, with appropriate fee(s); (c) an Associate Power of Attorney; and (d) in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), a version of the amendments showing the changes relative to the previous version of the specification. Please amend the application as follows.

**In the Specification:**

Please delete the existing title and replace therefore:

--Secreted Protein HRGDF73 --.

Please replace paragraph number 2 with the following:

--This application is a continuation of and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of copending United States patent application Serial No: 09/621,011, filed July 20, 2000, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to United States patent application Serial No. 09/148,545, filed September 4, 1998, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of United States patent application Serial No: PCT/US98/04482, filed 6 March 1998, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on the following U.S. Provisional Applications:

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10.	23-May-1997	60/047,600
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12.	23-May-1997	60/047,502
13.	23-May-1997	60/047,633
14.	23-May-1997	60/047,583
15.	23-May-1997	60/047,617
16.	23-May-1997	60/047,618
17.	23-May-1997	60/047,503
18.	23-May-1997	60/047,592
19.	23-May-1997	60/047,581
20.	23-May-1997	60/047,584
21.	23-May-1997	60/047,500
22.	23-May-1997	60/047,587
23.	23-May-1997	60/047,492
24.	23-May-1997	60/047,598
25.	23-May-1997	60/047,613
26.	23-May-1997	60/047,582
27.	23-May-1997	60/047,596
28.	23-May-1997	60/047,612
29.	23-May-1997	60/047,632
30.	23-May-1997	60/047,601
31.	11-Apr-1997	60/043,580
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33.	11-Apr-1997	60/043,314
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Each of the aforementioned applications is hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.--

Please add the following header to the table beginning on page 103:

--Table 1--

**Remarks**

The title has been amended to more precisely reflect the presently claimed invention.

The specification has been amended to add priority information and to add a header for table 1.


No new matter has been introduced.

**Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made amendment and remarks be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

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